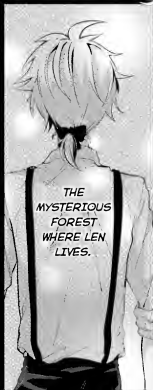




WHERE
AM I...?



THE
MYSTERIOUS
FOREST
WHERE LEN
LIVES.



AH...

THIS IS
WHERE I
WAS YES-
TERDAY.



AHH.



BAKU, THE MONOCHROME DREAM-EATER

夢喰い白黒バク

YUMEKUI-SHOKURO BAKU

Chapter 2

Original Concept: Nem

Character Concept: Tama

Manga: Assa

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IS THIS A DREAM? OR IS IT REALITY?
OR SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER...?

I CAN'T GET
WHAT MY
MANAGER
SAID...



"TAKE SOME
TIME TO
REFLECT
ON WHAT
YOU COULD
HAVE DONE
BETTER."

I WONDER
IF I CAN
SEE LEN
AGAIN.

11000
777
7



MY CHEST
FEELS SO
TIGHT WITH
ANXIETY.

...OUT OF
MY MIND.



I WANT
TO SEE
YOU SO
BADLY.



LEN
...



LEN,
IT'S SO
HARD.





SOME-
THING
WRONG?



MIKU?



YOU LOOK
PRETTY
UPSET. ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?



MIKU
...?



LEN...

SFX: FSHH...



AFTER HE GOT
MAD AT ME,
I TRIED TO
SING SO MANY
TIMES...

...BUT
NOTHING
SOUNDED
RIGHT.



I WAS
SINGING
MY HEART
OUT, TOO.



SOUNDS
LIKE YOU
HAD A
ROUGH
TIME.

I SEE...
YOU HAD
TO DEAL
WITH ALL
THAT, HUH.



HM...?

BUT THAT'S
PRETTY
COOL
ANYWAY.



.....



THAT'S
SUPER
COOL, I
THINK.

WELL, I MEAN,
YOU'RE WORK-
ING AS HARD
AS YOU CAN TO
FIX WHAT HE
GOT MAD AT YOU
ABOUT, RIGHT?



YOU'RE
PRETTY
GREAT,
MIKU.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

AH.

...BUT NO
ONE'S EVER
COMPLI-
MENTED ME
FOR IT LIKE
THAT...

I'VE
ALWAYS
WORKED
REALLY
HARD...

THE
VILLAGE?

THEY'VE GOT
LOTS OF WEIRD
ANIMALS LIKE
THAT LITTLE
BIRD I SHOWED
YOU BEFORE.

My Yeah.

YOU WANT TO
GO TO THE
VILLAGE FOR
A LITTLE
CHANGE OF
SCENERY?

IF YOU
WANT TO
GO, I'LL
TAKE YOU.

I FEEL
LIKE...

THAT
SOUNDS
WEIRD...

*What
are
they
cute?*

LIKE
FISH
THAT
LIVE ON
LAND
AND
STUFF!



SURE.

...I CAN GO
ANYWHERE,
AS LONG AS
IT'S WITH
LEN.

...EVEN IF I'M
IN A STRANGE
PLACE...



SO HOW
ABOUT IT?





wow!

AWE-SOME!

WHOA...







...I FEEL
LIKE TIME
MAGICALLY
STOPS.



I FEEL
LIKE I CAN
FINALLY...



THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
IN MY LIFE
I'VE EVER FELT
THIS WAY.



...REALLY
BE MYSELF.









SORRY TO
BOTHER YOU,
BUT COULD
YOU SHOW
ME THE WAY?

YOU
DO?



OH,
THIS
IS...

THE ROAD
I CAME
HERE ON/
I KNOW
WHERE
THIS IS.



THIS PLACE
IS PRETTY
CLOSE BY...

THANKS
SO
MUCH!

SURE
I CAN!



ONCE YOU
GET OUT
OF THIS
ALLEY,
IT'S
STRAIGHT
AHEAD.



...I'LL EXPLAIN
WHAT HAPPENED
TO LEN
AFTERWARDS.



YOU'RE A
PRETTY NAIVE
LITTLE GIRL,
AREN'T YOU?



AHH,
THANKS
FOR YOUR
HELP.

NOT AT
ALL
11:15
★

THIS
PLACE
SURE IS
OUT OF
THE WAY,
ISN'T IT?

I GUESS
SO...



YOU CAME
ALL THIS
WAY WITH
ME...

SHR...
SHR...



HUH...?

TMP



A BAD
GUY
LIKE ME.



THIS PLACE
IS PRETY
DANGEROUS,
YOU KNOW...
YOU SHOULD
BE A LITTLE
MORE CARE-
FUL.

YOU COULD
GET GRABBED
BY A BAD GUY,
AFTER ALL.

WH-
WHAT
...?



QUIET
DOWN.

N-
NOOO!



!



IF YOU KEEP
QUIET, I'LL
MAKE SURE
IT DOESN'T
HURT AT
ALL.



OH NO,
I'M SO
SCARED!

....!



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE
AFRAID.



I
CAN'T...
SPEAK...

HELP
ME...!

HELP
ME,
LEN!



GOOD
GIRL..





ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?!





HU9

KLAK

LEN!



MIKU!

YOU
KNOW YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE LEFT
MY SIDE,
DON'T
YOU?

サ
ク
サ
ク
Squeeze...

I...
KNOW.

LEN CAME
TO SAVE
ME AT THE
MOMENT
I NEEDED
HIM THE
MOST...

SO WHY...



...WHY IS IT
THAT WHEN HE
HOLDS ME, MY
CHEST FEELS
SO TIGHT THAT
I CAN BARELY
BREATHE?

I'M SO
GLAD
YOU'RE
OKAY...



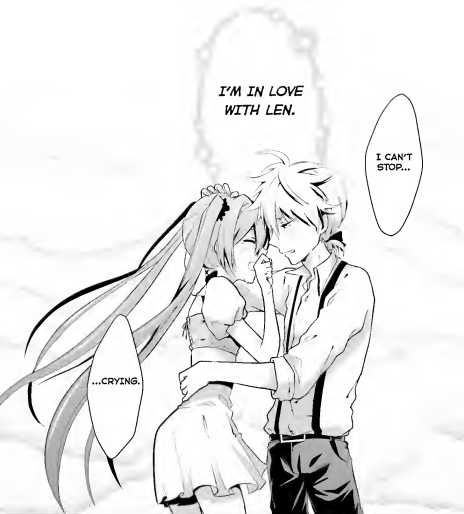
I THINK...

LEN
...

*I'M IN LOVE
WITH LEN.*

I CAN'T
STOP...

...CRYING.





I ENDED
UP CAUS-
ING EVEN
MORE
TROUBLE
FOR YOU,
LEN.

TODAY
SURE WAS
AN EVENT-
FUL DAY.

MY
GOOD-
NESS...



I-I HAD
A LOT
OF FUN,
TOO!

AH.



THAT'S
NOT TRUE.



THAT'S
RIGHT...

I HAD SO
MUCH FUN
WALKING
AROUND THE
VILLAGE WITH
YOU TODAY,
MIKU.



...BUT ALL
I'VE REALLY
WANTED
IS TO DO
THINGS
LIKE THIS.

I'VE BEEN
CONCEN-
TRATING SO
HARD ON
SINGING
ALL THIS
TIME...

I'M SO
HAPPY.

THINGS
LIKE
THIS?

WH-

N-NO-
TH-
ING...

MIKU.

LIKE,
TO HOLD
HANDS...

TO TALK
LIKE
LOVERS
WITH
SOME-
ONE...





MIKU...

...WILL YOU
BE MY GIRL-
FRIEND?







HE
FEELS
THE
SAME AS
I DO...

LEN...



WHENEVER
YOU'RE
SAD OR
AFRAID...

the...
surreal...

IT'S UNBE-
LIEVABLE!!

BADUM
BAM

...THAT I COULD
FIND A LOVE
LIKE THIS.

...I'LL BE
THERE
FOR
YOU, NO
MATTER
WHAT.

I FEEL LIKE
I SHOULD BE
THINKING MORE
ABOUT THINGS
LIKE THAT, BUT...

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT REALLY
MEANS TO BE
DATING LEN, WHO
I CAN ONLY MEET
IN THE WORLD OF
DREAMS.

IS THAT
A NO?

...MY HEART
IS BEATING
SO HARD I
CAN'T EVEN
THINK.

I
LOVE...

...YOU
TOO.

H!!
BADM!!

I JUST CAN'T
THINK ABOUT
ANYTHING
ANYMORE...







YOU'RE
LIKE A
SPOILED
CHILD.



I
KNOW,
BUT...

...I JUST
WANT TO
STAY HERE
WITH YOU.



ALL RIGHT
THEN, I'LL
STAY WITH
YOU.



Let's
KISS



HOLD
STILL,
JUST LIKE
THAT.

OKAY
...?

